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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
INFO USCINCEUR  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SU

SUBJECT: US MILITARY SALES TO SUDAN

REF: A) KHARTOUM 3663 B) STATE 301098  
C) KHARTOUM 3631 D) KHARTOUM 3627  
E) KHARTOUM 3484

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION  
TO GOS IN REF E THAT ANY REQUEST FOR F-5 SALE OR OTHER  
COMBAT EQUIPMENT WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS NOT RAISED BY PRO-  
SPECTIVE C-130 SALE. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY  
CONCERN ABOUT SAUDI SENSIBILITIES IN HANDLING REQUEST  
AND SIGNIFICANCE OF KENYAN F-5E SALE FOR SUDAN.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT FORTHCOMING USG RESPONSE TO FORMAL  
GOS REQUEST REF C FOR SQUADRON OF F-5E AIRCRAFT AND TO  
GOS INTEREST EXPRESSED REF E IN PURCHASING APC'S OR EVEN  
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RADAR WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO PROSPECTIVE C-130 SALE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF CLEARANCE PRIOR TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS. SECOND, WE BELIEVE DECISIONS ON FUTURE COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE LEFT TO NEW ADMINISTRATION.

3. IN REPLYING TO GOS, EMBASSY SHOULD STATE USG RESPONSE TO FORMAL GOS F-5E REQUEST WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR TWO REASONS CITED PARA TWO ABOVE. EMBASSY SHOULD ADD THAT USG THEREFORE NOT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO GOS REQUEST, BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. FYI. AT LATER TIME, DEPARTMENT MAY ASK EMBASSY TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO AID CONSIDERATION OF F-5E AIRCRAFT REQUEST. END FYI. KISSINGER

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